

Little Brat's 511

Chapter 511: Hospitality

Ning Li was enclosed in his arms, both of their breaths intermingling.

The temperature of his body could be felt more keenly in the silence all around them.

She was wearing a pair of low-waisted jeans today, and a cropped t-shirt on her upper body. When he pulled her over to him, part of her slender and white waist was revealed.

His hand inevitably fell on her waist.

The moment he touched her, his breathing halted for a moment.

Soft, slender, and smooth.

His slightly calloused fingertips rubbed against her skin, the roughness causing a slight friction.

She bent her waist and melted further into his embrace.

Lu Huaiyu kissed her and pressed her more firmly into his embrace.

His deep voice broke between her lips and teeth, and he coaxed her in a slightly hoarse voice, "Behave and adjust your own clothes."

Ning Li's face was burning hot. She felt as if his hands were on fire, and everywhere that they touched seemed to be burning hot.

For a moment, it was neither right to listen to him nor not to listen to him.

His hand was on her waist. Why did he deliberately say that when he could easily hook his fingers to do so?

As if he had guessed what she was thinking, Lu Huai smiled and kissed the corner of her lips.

“... If I could do it, would I still need you to do it?”

Although he said it with a smile, his voice was a little hoarse and sexy.

Ning Li's face turned red.

Just then, there was a knock on the door.

She immediately heaved a sigh of relief and pushed on his shoulder.

Lu Huaiyu did not move. He continued to kiss her slowly as if he did not hear the knocking.

There was a knock on the door again.

“Miss Ning?”

The voice was respectful and polite.

Ning Li looked at Lu Huaiyu with her eyes wide open.

“Someone is looking for—”

Her voice was also tinged with sweetness.

Lu Huaiyu could not resist her voice like this, so he could only press his finger on her lips.

“Let me go.”

With that, he was finally willing to let her go.

Ning Li stood up and pulled on her clothes at the same time.

Lu Huaiyu could not help but laugh as he watched.

Ning Li did not want to pay attention to him. She was about to open the door when Lu Huaiyu pulled her back.

His legs were long, so he took two steps forward and stood in front of her, blocking her way.

Ning Li looked at him with a slight frown.

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows slightly and raised his fingers to touch her thick and curly eyelashes. His fingers came away slightly moist.

He smiled.

“The corners of your eyes are wet.”

Ning Li’s eyes widened slightly, and her mind went blank for a moment.

Lu Huaiyu seemed to be very satisfied.

She really did not know what she looked like now.

Her face was flushed, her ears were red, and her peach blossom eyes were moist.

How could she let other people see her like this?

He pressed on her shoulder, telling her to turn around and sit down while he went to open the door himself.

Ning Li could not persuade him otherwise, so she could only do as he said.

When the door was opened, a surprised voice could be heard.

“Second Master Lu?”

Lu Huai answered with a “Hmm”.

“What’s the matter?”

When facing other people, he was always cold and noble.

The person outside the door reacted for a moment.

“I wonder if Miss Ning—”

“She’s busy. If there’s anything, just let me know.”

Having been in a high position for a long time, even though he spoke in an extremely light tone, it was easy for people to feel awed by him.

The person outside the door quickly responded.

“Yes. This is the riding outfit that First Madam specially picked out for Miss Ning. I just wonder if Miss Ning will like it.”

Ning Li looked over in the direction of the door in surprise.

Had Madam Gu Tingfeng just given her a riding outfit?

Before she could get up to go over, she heard Lu Huaiyu say, “I’ll show it to Ah Li later. Please thank Mr. Gu and Mrs. Gu on my behalf.”

“Yes, sir.”

The door was closed.

Sure enough, Lu Huaiyu walked over with a gift box in his hands.

He then handed it to Ning Li.

Ning Li took it and looked at it. It was a white riding outfit.

The size... She had bought an outfit from the same place before. It would have been easy for them to check it out.

However, she was still a little surprised.

"It seems that they are very interested in you," Lu Huaiyu said with a smile as he swept his gaze over the set of riding clothes.

Ning Li nodded.

She could roughly guess the reason.

She opened the box and indeed, it was an extremely good quality set of riding clothes. After comparing it, she could see that it would also fit her very well.

Lu Huaiyu walked over and shook her hand.

"Do I not look as good as this set of clothes?"

Ning Li gave him a slight warning glare.

Lu Huaiyu pretended not to notice.

He had not been here long and now she had to leave again.

Wasn't there another time for her to look at the clothes?

He took the opportunity to put his arm around her waist and bent down to kiss her.

Before he could touch her, there was another knock on the door.

Knock, knock.

"Miss Ning?"

Lu Huaiyu paused.

Then, he went over to open the door again.

“Second Master Lu.”

Ning Li could tell that this voice was different from the previous one, so it had to be a different person.

Lu Huaiyu said calmly, “Yes?”

The man respectfully said, “This is a Candy membership card given to Miss Ning by the Second Madam. It’s a national chain. Miss Ning can enjoy a 50% discount at any of the stores.”

Lu Huaiyu took it.

“Got it. Please help me thank Mr. and Mrs. Gu.”

Click.

The door closed.

Lu Huaiyu walked over with a card in his hand.

Ning Li took a look.

Candy was a high-end dessert brand of the Gu family. They had stores in all of the first and second-tier cities.

The card was very exquisite. There was an illustration of the Gu family's classic desserts, with her name specially engraved on the back.

She paused.

"... I don't think I've met the Second Madam Gu..."

Lu Huaiyu stared at the card and suddenly laughed.

"I heard that the Second Madam has taken the two young masters to sit for exams in Bai City recently. Even under such busy circumstances, she still remembered to give you this card. It's really thoughtful."

Ning Li, "..."

This time, Lu Huaiyu did not seem to plan on continuing to kiss her, but he did not do anything else. He just lounged lazily on the sofa and tapped his fingers lightly.

Ning Li asked, "Second Brother, what are you... doing?"

Knock, knock.

There was a third knock on the door.

Lu Huaiyu snorted.

"I was waiting for this."

As he spoke, he stood up again.

"Second Master Lu."

“This is a small tea membership card given to Miss Ning by a good friend of Third Master’s. You can drink thirty cups of tea at any store in the country every month, with a 10% discount.”

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“Got it. Please thank Third Master Gu’s good friend on my behalf.”

Lu Huaiyu took the card sharply and closed the door.

Soon, another card appeared in Ning Li’s hand. On it hung a small mold of a cup the size of a fingernail, swaying around.

Lu Huaiyu smiled faintly.

“Third Master Gu sure has a wide social circle.”

Ning Li, “...”

Before she could say anything, someone knocked on the door again.

Ning Li subconsciously looked at Lu Huaiyu.

She did not know if it was an illusion, but for a moment, she seemed to feel a hint of killing intent from him.

Lu Huaiyu stood up.

However, this time, it was not a servant.

“Second Master Lu!”

Gu Siyang’s excited voice sounded.

“I’ve brought the new custom-made car over! Could you ask Ning Li to come and take a look?”

Lu Huaiyu smiled slightly.

“There’s no rush. It just so happens that there’s something that I’d like to discuss with Young Master Gu.”

Gu Siyang was at a loss, but he was also a little happy.

It was rare for Lu Huaiyu to take the initiative.

“Okay, okay! Then I’ll go in—”

“Ah Li is busy, just follow me please.”

“Huh? Sure!”

Click.

The door closed.

Ning Li, “...”

At the same time, on another floor of the hotel.

Old Master Gu nodded at Gu Tinglan.

“Siyang likes cars, and it’s also a good hobby. There’s no need to keep him in check in the future.”

Gu Tinglan smiled.

“Exactly.”

Chapter 512: Candy Jar

The next day, Ning Li and Yu Pingchuan headed to the Hong Kong Airport, preparing to fly back to Yunzhou.

Gu Tinglan personally drove the car.

“Why didn’t Young Master Gu come today?”

Ning Li asked.

Based on Gu Siyang’s personality, he would definitely have come to join in the fun at this time.

Gu Tinglan smiled gently.

“It seems that he had so much fun chatting with Second Master Lu yesterday that he slept late and didn’t wake up this morning.”

Ning Li nodded.

After Lu Huaiyu had left yesterday, it seemed that he had only come back to rest very late.

Gu Tinglan glanced at her from the rearview mirror.

“My big brother and sister-in-law are also living in the Capital now. I’ll send their numbers to you later. If you need any help, you can look for them directly.”

Ning Li was momentarily stunned. She wanted to decline, but because Gu Tinglan’s tone was calm and natural, it was not a good idea to refuse.

She nodded.

“Then... Thank you in advance.”

“It’s nothing. There’s no need to thank me.”

Gu Tinglan smiled, as if he had already forgotten that Ning Li was Lu Huaiyu’s girlfriend. Even if she really encountered any trouble, with that person around, Ning Li basically did not have to worry too much.

Yu Pingchuan listened from the side, but he did not show any reaction.

He had also been at the horse race track that day, and he was very clear about how much Old Madam Gu liked Ning Li.

It was understandable that the Gu family would be like this.

Gu Tinglan sent the two of them to the airport and watched them enter the waiting hall before leaving.

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At that moment, Young Master Gu was lying on the bed, laughing bitterly as he rubbed the medicinal wine on himself.

“Ow!”

Last night, Lu Huaiyu had mentioned that he heard that the Gu family’s combat gym was not far away from Bansen Hotel and seemed very interested in it. He had said that he wanted to spar with him.

Gu Siyang had long heard of Lu Huaiyu’s reputation. He was a man who had just come out of the army. His physical combat and shooting skills were all top-notch.

Now that Lu Huaiyu had taken the rare initiative to invite him, Gu Siyang was instantly interested. He followed Lu Huaiyu without saying a word.

He had long wanted to see just how powerful the famous Second Master Lu was.

In the end, he had regretted it after only playing for three minutes.

Fifteen minutes later, he was about to crawl and roll away to admit defeat.

However, Lu Huaiyu had said that his physique was too weak and that he would help him practice, no matter what. He had even offered to give him some coaching in combat.

Ultimately, Gu Siyang had practically needed to be carried out of the combat hall.

By now, he was no longer thinking about taking Ning Li to see the car.

“Ouch!”

However, Young Master Gu had a strong will. He gritted his teeth and called Gu Tinglan.

Gu Tinglan quickly picked up.

“What’s wrong?”

“Uncle.”

Gu Siyang cried out, almost with tears in his eyes, “How long will Second Master Lu be staying in Hong Kong City?”

Gu Tinglan heard his choked voice and felt a rare trace of sympathy. He gently said, “How would I know?”

Gu Siyang was full of resentment.

“Ning Li already left today. Why isn’t he leaving yet?! What’s so good about Hong Kong City?”

Gu Tinglan thought for a moment. There was indeed nothing good about Hong Kong City.

It had just been the place for Second Master Lu to buy a watch and give it to his girlfriend as an official announcement.

Oh, and he had even earned some money along the way.

“He shouldn’t be staying for long,” Gu Tinglan comforted his nephew. “About two to three more days?”

As soon as he finished speaking, he heard a cacophony of noises coming from the other end of the phone.

He frowned.

“Gu Siyang, what are you doing?”

Gu Siyang dragged his broken body and walked forward with difficulty.

“I’m packing my luggage and heading back to the Capital now!”

He could not stay in Hong Kong City any longer.

If Lu Huaiyu did not want to leave, then he would!

Gu Tinglan finally remembered that he was Siyang’s uncle. It was rare for him to show so much affection to him.

“It’s good for you to go back earlier. Father said that you’ve been doing well with LY and he is considering investing more in your company.”

Gu Siyang suddenly stopped moving, feeling completely dumbfounded.

“Wait, what?!”

His father had never really thought much about what he had been doing before and had only treated him as a small nuisance and just let him be.

His grandfather was even more so.

But, now...!

His grandfather had actually said that he was considering giving him extra investment?!

What kind of amazing news was this?

“Uncle, are you serious? Did Grandfather really say that?”

Because of his excitement, Gu Siyang’s voice had raised an octave.

Gu Tinglan responded with a “Hmm”.

“So, on LY’s end, there may be a lot more things in the future that you will need to deal—”

“Sure!”

Young Master Gu seemed to have been injected with stimulants and had instantly become energetic again.

“I can— Ow!”

He swung his arm which pulled on his injury, almost incapacitating himself again.

But at this moment, he could not care less about these things.

He hurriedly said, “Then Uncle, I’ll be hanging up first! I have to return to the Capital as soon as possible!”

His company and team needed his attention!

Gu Tinglan put away his phone and muttered sympathetically, “Sigh.

“How pitiful.”

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After returning to Yunzhou, Ning Li first went to the Heyuan District.

Her things were mainly divided into two parts. One part was here, while the other part was in Yunding Fenghua.

Actually, there were not many items. Most of the things had been placed in the master bedroom.

She found a few boxes and packed them in order, preparing to send them to Shuiyuan Shijia.

After tidying everything up, she returned to Yunding Fenghua.

She had not placed many things here. Most of the things were clothes and shoes.

She sent some of them to the Capital, leaving only a few items here.

In fact, after going to the Capital to attend university, she would not have many opportunities to return to Yunzhou in the future.

However, Lincheng was still her home after all.

She returned to her room and saw the glass candy jar on the table.

Lu Huaiyu had given her a lot of candy. Some she had already eaten, and some she had not eaten, which she had put here.

She also put some other odds and ends in it.

She then put away the glass candy jar.

This, of course, would also be taken to the Capital.

Chapter 513: Shen Zhijin

On the next day, Ning Li and Yu Pingchuan went to the Capital together.

Her courier delivery was also sent to the Shuiyuan Shijia one or two days later.

Lu Huaiyu also returned to the Capital on the third day.

However, the two did not have time to meet immediately because Ning Li had been quite busy recently.

On the one hand, LY's internal competition was about to begin. On the other hand, George was pushing her for more designs again.

After the spring/summer collection had ended, George had once again lived a carefree life as a rich young master, flying around the world.

So during this period of time, he had not urged Ning Li for anything.

However, now that it was almost August, he finally began to prepare for the autumn/winter collection.

In addition to high fashion, G&S's high-end ready-to-wear series had a production line that had specifically been derived from Ning Li's design differentiation.

Considering Ning's current fame, the G&S Group had decided to invest more energy and funds in this line.

Hence, George had come to look for her again.

However, Ning Li did not have much energy to deal with him. Instead, she spent more time with Yu Pingchuan.

From last year until now, it was as if she had only painted one painting.

Previously, it was because she had wanted to participate in the physics competition and sit for the college entrance exam, so no one had bothered her much.

Now that the dust had settled, she was finally beginning to make up for it.

Around that time, she went to the Lu family residence with Lu Huaiyu and visited Old Master Lu.

When he learned that she was now living at Shuiyuan Shijia, Old Master Lu was still a little resentful.

He had even asked Chunlan to tidy up a room for her... but in the end, she had not stayed there.

If she did not stay, so be it. There was nothing he could do about it.

After all, Shuiyuan Shijia was Yu Pingchuan's house, so he still felt quite at ease.

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In the blink of an eye, the end of August had arrived.

Ning Li's thesis was still lacking the last set of data.

She made another appointment with the Fino Laboratory.

Xu Yin had originally wanted to accompany her there. However, at the last minute, he had said that he needed to pick someone up, so he had let Ning Li go alone.

She did not mind and had taken a taxi to go alone.

Basically, she had already completed her thesis. The first part of the thesis had been sent to Xu Yin, awaiting his opinion.

When she arrived at the Fino Laboratory, it was already past nine o'clock.

Because Ning Li had been here before, she had more freedom to enter and leave now.

She went straight to the data processing room.

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Jiang Ran was on duty.

She was staring at a few sets of data on the computer. From time to time, her fingers tapped on the keyboard.

A young foreign man walked in and handed her a list.

"Ning Li made an appointment for data processing at 10 o'clock this morning. Please take a look."

Jiang Ran paused when she heard the name.

Ning Li.

This name seemed a little jarring.

Luther weighed the list with his hand and teased her with a smile.

“This should be the last set of data that she has to process. When all of this is sorted out, her thesis should be almost done. I heard that it will be submitted to the Universe sub-journal. This is her second paper. If it is published successfully, she will be the youngest author to publish two papers in Universe sub-journal.”

It was already very rare for an ordinary person to publish one paper.

After all, many professors from famous universities in the country might not be able to publish a paper with such a high impact factor in universe.

If Ning Li could really publish two papers in a row, it would be very meaningful.

Seeing that she did not move, Luther waved his hand in front of her eyes.

“Jiang, what’s wrong?”

Jiang Ran came back to her senses.

She forced a smile.

“Oh, nothing. I just feel that her research direction doesn’t seem very...”

Before she could finish, someone knocked on the door.

Luther went to open the door.

It was Ning Li.

She greeted the two of them, then walked over, put down her backpack, and took out her computer.

“Can we start now?”

She asked.

Jiang Ran looked at her, feeling a tightness in her chest.

Recently, Lu Huaiyu had bought a priceless collector’s item in Hong Kong City. The news that the Mond Mille watch had been given to his girlfriend had spread like wildfire in the Capital.

Originally, with her family background, she would not have been able privy to this circle of news.

However, she just so happened to be a high school and university classmate of Lu Huaiyu.

Second Master Lu had spent a lot of money just because his girlfriend liked to look at the stars, so he had presented her with ‘The Night of the Milky Way’ in public.

That’s right, Ning Li studied astronomy. Of course, she liked to look at the stars, right?

How could he have thought that the person Lu Huaiyu liked was actually Ning Li?

No wonder he had been so angry when he had seen that photo.

The child at home...

Even from that moment, Lu Huaiyu had already had her in his heart!

Sensing Jiang Ran's gaze, Ning Li frowned slightly.

"Miss Jiang, is there a problem?"

Jiang Ran came back to her senses, quickly adjusted her expression, and laughed.

"It's nothing. Let's begin."

As she spoke, she began to import the data.

After a while, she asked, seemingly unintentionally, "By the way, after this thesis is completed, will it be sent to the Universe sub-journal?"

Ning Li had not expected her to ask this, but since this book was not something to hide, she nodded.

Jiang Ran hesitated for a moment, then stopped and turned to look at her.

"This... The content of your research seems to be inconsistent with the previous one. They have always been very strict in this area. If you publish it in 'The Astrophysical', it will probably be more suitable."

Ning Li raised her eyebrows slightly.

This was also a top astronomy journal, but its influence and professionalism were not as good as 'Universe'.

Did she... Was she saying that her thesis was not good enough to be published in Universe?

“This is Teacher Xu’s intention.”

She replied.

After all, Xu Yin could be considered as her mentor.

Jiang Ran smiled in understanding.

“I see. I was just casually saying it to give you a little reference.”

Ning Li’s phone vibrated.

She glanced at it and saw that it was a call from Xu Yin.

“Teacher Xu?”

“Ah Li, how long will it take for your data results to be out?”

“Around the day after tomorrow.”

“Ask Jiang Ran and the others to work overtime and finish it as soon as possible,” Xu Yin said. “Then, send me the first draft of the complete version.”

Ning Li was a little surprised.

“Why is it so urgent?”

Xu Yin smiled and said, “The editor-in-chief of Universe wants to see it so, of course, it’s better to do it faster.”

Ning Li was slightly stunned.

“Who?”

“It’s rare for him to return to the country. I happened to chat with him about your thesis just now. He was very interested and said that he wanted to see it for himself. If it’s good, I suggest that you go for Universe directly.”

It was clear that Xu Yin was very happy,

“So, tell the laboratory to work faster. By the way, I think you should know him, right?”

“He’s the President of the National Physics Society, the Vice President of Xijing University.... Oh, and also the Honorary Dean of your institute— Shen Zhijin.”

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Chapter 514: I Am Married

Shen Zhijin.

This name was like a thunderbolt.

He was the absolute top figure in the domestic physics world, a young genius who was admitted to Xijing University at the age of 14 and entered the headquarters of Fino Laboratory in Bai City at the age of 17, becoming the first Chinese to be admitted on an exceptional basis.

At the age of 20, he had published a thesis in Universe.

Now, not only was he a big shot in astrophysics in China, but he was also very famous internationally.

Ning Li studied astronomy, so she naturally had some understanding of this important person in the field of astrophysics.

However, she had not expected Shen Zhijin to actually want to read her thesis now.

She reacted for a moment and immediately said, "Okay."

Xu Yin gave her a few more reminders before hanging up.

Ning Li put away her phone and looked at Jiang Ran.

"Teacher Xu said that the data needs to be rushed. He hopes that the results can be released from this end as soon as possible."

Jiang Ran and Luther were both stunned.

When Ning Li had been on the phone just now, they had not heard what Xu Yin had said.

Jiang Ran paused for a moment and said, "But the arrangements on our end have already been made. I'm afraid that it's not appropriate to disrupt it at the last minute. Why don't we inform Teacher Xu and wait for a while—"

"It's not Teacher Xu who's waiting."

Ning Li interrupted her and said faintly, "It's Shen Zhijin who is waiting."

When she said this, Jiang Ran and Luther were both shocked.

Shen Zhijin was the person in charge of the headquarters of Fino Laboratory, so he naturally had absolute authority over this place.

Now that he wanted Ning Li's data, there was nothing for them to say.

Jiang Ran was somewhat in disbelief.

"... Teacher Shen?"

How could Shen Zhijin suddenly—

Ning Li raised her eyes and looked at her quietly.

"Please work overtime."

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A black car was driving on the road.

Xu Yin looked at the man sitting next to him.

He was wearing a black suit that fit him perfectly, accentuating his tall and slender figure.

Time seemed to favor him a lot, barely even leaving any traces on his face. He was still handsome and elegant, pure and clean.

His facial features were perfect. His bones, skin, and looks were all excellent. His expression was light, with a sense of detachment.

Only the scholarly air between his brows diluted this coldness a little.

He looked out the window. The hot August sun of the Capital fell on his face, but it seemed to be tinged with a slight coolness.

Xu Yin said, "I've already informed them. Ah Li has always been very efficient. She should be able to complete the first draft and send it over in two days."

Shen Zhijin turned around.

While the profile view of his face was already extremely elegant, the front view of his face was even clearer.

He nodded slightly.

"I'm sorry to trouble you, Elder Xu."

Xu Yin smiled.

"What's so troublesome about that? It's actually very rare for Ah Li's thesis to be valued by you."

There were countless researchers at home and abroad who wanted Shen Zhijin's guidance but were unable to get it. Now, by chance, Ning Li's thesis had been chosen by him. Being partly Ning Li's teacher, he was naturally very happy.

Xu Yin himself was also a leading figure in this field, but to be honest, he was still not as good as Shen Zhijin.

Shen Zhijin said, "Her research direction has been chosen well."

Xu Yin understood that for Shen Zhijin to say this was already extremely high praise.

When Ning Li had first chosen this topic, he had actually been somewhat against it.

This was because several domestic and foreign astrophysics research institutes had already been focusing on this topic since a long time ago, but they had not made any progress.

He was worried that Ning Li's efforts would be in vain, so he had advised her to change her direction and do something that would make it easier to produce results and thesis content.

However, Ning Li had been very insistent, so he had eventually stopped persuading her.

It could be seen that Shen Zhijin was very optimistic about Ning Li's thesis.

He jokingly said, "If Ah Li's thesis is really published in 'Universe', it will break your record."

Shen Zhijin was now forty years old. It had been twenty years since he had published his first thesis in 'Universe'.

Also, Ning Li had just turned eighteen this year.

Shen Zhijin did not seem to care much about this and merely nodded.

"At this age... she is indeed outstanding."

Xu Yin thought of something.

"Oh right, she will also be a freshman in the astronomy department of the Institute of Physics at Xijing University this year. Perhaps you will have the chance to meet her in the future."

Shen Zhijin had spent more than half of his time abroad every year. He had returned to China this time to participate in the 120th anniversary of Xijing University.

“Okay.”

Shen Zhijin responded faintly.

Xu Yin’s phone rang twice again.

Someone had sent a message.

He glanced at it, and a conflicted look appeared on his face.

After a long while, he said, “Zhijin, it’s been a while since you’ve been back to the Capital. Shi Ying and the others have planned a banquet to welcome you—”

Shen Zhijin said plainly, “Please help me reject it.”

The rest of Xu Yin’s words were stuck in his throat, unable to move up or down.

Shen Zhijin had never participated in such occasions.

His life seemed to be filled with scientific research.

But...

“Zhijin, Shi Ying and the others have good intentions...” Xu Yin thought about the text message on his phone and tried to persuade him again. “Besides, after so many years, Shi Ying has treated you...”

Shen Zhijin looked out of the window again, his right hand gently stroking the wedding ring on his left ring finger.

His voice was clear as he reminded, "Teacher Xu, I'm married."

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After the involvement of Shen Zhijin was known, the efficiency of Fino Laboratory was indeed much higher.

The next afternoon, Ning Li received the results of her data processing.

She reorganized the thesis and sent it to Xu Yin.

However, this time, Xu Yin did not give any suggestions on how to modify it. Instead, he replied with an email address.

[Ah Li, this is Shen Zhijin's work email address. You can just send the thesis to him directly.]

Of course, Ning Li understood what this meant.

—Shen Zhijin wanted to personally revise her thesis.

Such an opportunity, which countless people could not even dream of, had now been placed in front of her with such ease.

She quickly sent the thesis over.

After a while, she received a receipt of acknowledgment.

[Ah Jin has received your email! Please wait patiently, Ah Jin will reply later.]

There was also a hand-drawn manga below. It was a white pony running under the starry sky.

Two big-headed dolls could be seen hugging each other on the back of the horse. The little girl in front was smiling happily and her eyes were curved. The little boy behind her had his lips pursed slightly as he hugged her shyly. His ears were tinged red.

Ning Li stared at the receipt, feeling stunned for a long time.

She never expected that Shen Zhijin's work email would set up such an automatic receipt.

So... soft and cute?

It was even too dreamy and girly.

Ning Li once again recalled Shen Zhijin's life history in her mind.

He was an absolute physics genius. It was an achievement that others could never achieve in their lifetime, yet he had easily taken it.

By the looks of it, he seemed to be a serious professional.

However, this reply was really out of place with the style of Shen Zhijin's reputation.

Ning Li stared at the picture for a few more moments and was suddenly stunned.

This brushstroke...

Didn't it seem to be exactly the same as the handwritten booklet that had been given as a gift with the acceptance letter for the Literature Department of Xijing University?

Chapter 515: Starting School

She thought about it carefully for a while and could basically confirm that this was indeed the same person.

It was really strange...

Ning Li looked at the manga, feeling puzzled.

She had been curious before about the identity of the artist for such a hand-drawn booklet that could be specially made and given as a small gift to every freshman admitted to the Department of Astronomy at Xijing University.

She had considered that perhaps it had been a teacher or student of the Department of Astronomy, or perhaps it was a specially commissioned artist.

However, she had not expected that it seemed... to have some kind of subtle connection with Shen Zhijin?

This email receipt had clearly been personally set up by someone very close to him, and this artwork had also come from that person.

That's right, Shen Zhijin was the honorary dean of the Institute of Physics at Xijing University.

Now that she thought about it, it seemed easier to understand.

Ning Li quite liked this style of this artwork. After thinking about it, she right-clicked to save it.

By then, Shen Zhijin had replied to the email.

This time, it was the revision suggestions for her thesis.

Ning Li was slightly surprised because her thesis had just been sent not long ago, yet Shen Zhijin had already finished reading it. He had even accurately pointed out a few key problems and a few mistakes.

Such efficiency was truly astonishing.

After all, he was the top physics expert in the country...

With this thought in mind, Ning Li focused her attention, opened the thesis, and began to revise it according to Shen Zhijin's request.

By the time she was done, it was already night time.

She sent the revised version back to Shen Zhijin.

After doing all this, she rubbed her sore neck.

It was indeed rewarding to talk to an important of such a level, but at the same time, it was very taxing on one's energy and spirit to deal with it.

Every suggestion he had made, every word he had said, had been extremely precise and efficient, without the slightest bit of exaggeration.

Even through the screen, she could still feel the invisible pressure from the other party.

She had never experienced such a feeling when she faced Xu Yin.

Her cell phone rang. She took a look and realized that it was He Xiaochen calling.

She picked up the call.

He Xiaochen's excited voice came through the receiver.

"Ning Li! I'm in the Capital!"

Ning Li smiled.

"Is that so?"

"Yeah! My parents came with me!"

It was the end of August, and there were only a few days left until the start of school at Xijing University.

Many students had already arrived in the Capital ahead of time to familiarize themselves with the environment and do some sightseeing.

He Xiaochen was one of them.

"We're planning to walk around the Capital for the next few days. My dad has already planned the schedule."

He Xiaochen had always wanted to come to the Capital to have fun, but she had never had the chance before.

Now that she had been admitted to Xijing University, she naturally had to take advantage of this opportunity to have a good time.

“Ning Li, have you looked around already?”

He Xiaochen knew that Ning Li had already arrived in the Capital in early August.

She nodded.

“More or less.”

“Ah—” He Xiaochen felt a little regretful. “Then let’s go together when school starts?”

“Okay.”

Ning Li was now living at Shuiyuan Shijia, and almost all of her belongings had been moved here.

It was about half an hour’s drive from Xijing, so it was still quite convenient to go back and forth.

He Xiaochen hung up the phone with satisfaction after getting her answer.

Ning Li looked at her email again and received a reply from Shen Zhijin.

The corners of her lips curled up.

The person who had set up this reply... was quite interesting.

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Over the next few days, Ning Li spent most of her time on that thesis.

Shen Zhijin had made two overall revisions to her thesis. After she had submitted it for the third time, she finally received a positive reply from him.

Ning Li listened to his advice and submitted it directly to Universe.

In the end, she even sent a thank-you letter to Shen Zhijin.

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In the blink of an eye, it was September and the day to report themselves to Xijing University had arrived.

In order to avoid trouble, Ning Li had rejected everyone's offer to send her to school. Instead, she grabbed a suitcase and took a taxi to Xijing University.

Every year, the school was very lively during the start of the school year.

As soon as she reached the school gate, Ning Li saw many private cars parked outside. Countless parents were accompanying their children to school.

People were coming and going, bustling with activity.

"Ning Li!"

An excited voice was heard.

Ning Li turned around and saw He Xiaochen standing not far away, waving at her.

“You’re here so early?”

Ning Li walked over.

He Xiaochen looked at her with starry eyes.

“It’s not that early. I only just arrived not too long ago!”

She had not seen this stunning face in such a long time!

“Ning Li, why do I feel that you’re getting more and more beautiful? Wow!”

Her heart felt like melting!

Ning Li smiled and looked left and right.

“Where are your parents?”

He Xiaochen pointed inside the school when she heard that and nonchalantly said, “Oh, my parents? They’ve already gone in. They said that because it’s their first time coming to Xijing University, they wanted to go in to take a good look around. They want to remember the experience.”

As she said that, she patted her backpack.

“It’s fine! My acceptance letter and ID are here. I can go report myself!”

Ning Li, “...”

It seemed that He Xiaochen often said that she was an accident of her parents, which made a lot of sense...

“Ning Li, I’ve just done some research. The Foreign Language Department and the Institute of Physics are a little far away from each other!”

As He Xiaochen said that, she handed over a map.

Ning Li took a look.

Xijing University was the top university in the country. It had a long history and a deep foundation. Its campus occupied a large area.

There were a total of four gates in the north, south, east, and west. They had set up different reporting points for different departments.

They were now at the North Gate, Ning Li’s Institute of Physics was at the East Gate, while He Xiaochen’s Foreign Languages Department was at the West Gate.

No matter which side they went to, the other was indeed quite far away.

Ning Li said, “Then let’s split up to report in.”

He Xiaochen was reluctant to part.

“Then, shall we have lunch together?”

Ning Li nodded.

“Okay.”

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The two of them walked into the school together.

Soon, a boy took the initiative to welcome them and eagerly asked, "Junior, which department are you from? Do you need any help?"

As he spoke, his gaze involuntarily fell on Ning Li's face, unable to hide his astonishment.

Earlier, when he had looked from afar, he had thought that both these two girls were good-looking.

When he had gotten closer, he had found that they were indeed so.

One was lively and cute, while the other was elegant and clean.

The latter was especially beautiful. Her skin was delicate and clear, and her facial features were exquisite and perfect. She was tall and slender.

She really was very beautiful and eye-catching.

Ning Li said calmly, "Thank you, but there's no need."

As she spoke, she looked at He Xiaochen.

"I'll see you at noon then."

He Xiaochen nodded repeatedly.

“Okay!”

After saying that, the two of them separated and walked in their respective directions.

The male student was left feeling a little awkward.

He scratched his head.

There were others who came over to jeer.

“Yo, are all the juniors this year so cold and aloof?”

The boy clicked his tongue.

“With her looks, she does indeed have the capital though... It looks like the school belle will be replaced.”

Staring at the view of her back, he ground his teeth.

“I wonder which department has gotten such a big advantage.”

Chapter 516: The New Girl From the Institute

Ning Li walked along the main road from the North Gate to the East Gate.

From time to time, she met several people along the way who took the initiative to ask if she needed any help.

She politely refused all of them.

At the East Gate, the atmosphere was also very lively.

At a glance, tents had been set up in lines in the small square.

She stood still, glanced around, before finally settling her gaze in a certain direction.

The surrounding people had already noticed her arrival and started discussing in low voices.

“Hey! Look at that! It’s a new junior!”

“She’s so beautiful! Which department is she from?”

“I don’t know. The Foreign Languages Department isn’t here, right? The Broadcasting and Media Department?”

Ning Li pulled her suitcase along as she walked forward.

“Hey? So, she’s not from the medical school?”

“She’s not from the nursing school either...”

“The Faculty of Arts! She must be from the Faculty of Arts!”

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The Faculty of Physics.

A few male students could be seen lounging on the chairs.

Some were playing games, some were sleeping, and some were leaning against their chairs, holding their computers as they rushed through their papers.

Compared to the hospitality of the other faculties, the Faculty of Physics seemed especially cold.

When the male students who were playing games heard the sound of movement, they unintentionally raised their heads to take a look.

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“F*ck! What a beautiful girl!”

The guy who was sleeping next to him was woken up by the commotion and kicked him.

“Could you be a little f*cking quiet?”

“No! look! She’s really beautiful!”

“No matter how beautiful she is— F*ck!”

The male student who had been about to continue his scolding had unintentionally glanced at her and was instantly stunned.

The person who was writing his thesis did not even raise his head. “Stop looking at her. It’s not possible for a girl to have anything to do with our department, much less a beautiful one.”

“That’s true.”

“That’s true.”

“That’s true.”

A few of them were shocked.

A boy who was pulling a suitcase walked over.

“Senior, may I ask if this is where I should report to the Department of Zoology?”

The boy who had been playing games casually handed over a form.

“Register yourself. The dormitory building is number three. Go all the way down this road and turn left.”

The new student replied with an “Oh” and was left to fend for himself.

The one who had been sleeping also stopped sleeping. He then looked at the approaching figure and muttered, “I didn’t expect that this poor monk would be able to see such a beautiful junior in my lifetime... Sigh, why does this junior seem to be heading this way?”

The boy who was playing games looked at him with disdain.

“Did you sleep funny or something?”

“Really!” The boy looked left and right. “There aren’t any other courtyards here!”

Wasn’t that girl heading this way?!

Seeing that the figure really was heading this way, the group of boys fell silent.

The atmosphere became inexplicably tense.

Under everyone's confused and nervous gaze, they saw that the unbelievably beautiful girl had really stopped in front of them.

"Hello."

When the girl opened her mouth, they found that her voice was especially pleasant to the ears.

"Excuse me, is this the registration office for the Institute of Physics?"

The male student who had been playing the game was the first to react. He hurriedly stood up and nervously asked, "Ahem, junior, are you... looking for someone?"

Ning Li's expression was calm.

"I'm reporting in.

"New student of the Astronomy Department, Ning Li."

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As soon as she finished speaking, the surroundings became deathly silent.

The few male students at the Registration Office of the Institute of Physics were all stunned.

The students from the other departments were also stunned.

“The Institute of Physics?! This junior is a freshman from the Institute of Physics?!”

“Holy sh*t! What kind of sh*t luck did the Institute of Physics have this year?!”

“... Is our Department of Machinery and Automation not good enough?”

“The Department of Astronomy? She said she’s from the Department of Astronomy? What’s her name again?”

There was a commotion in the surroundings, and the people from the Institute of Physics finally came back to their senses.

“Yes, yes, yes! This is the reporting office for the Institute of Physics!”

“Junior, are you from the astronomy department?”

“This is the form, this is the student card... Oh, and this is the student handbook. Junior, your admissions letter and identification—”

The few boys who were there stopped playing games, stopped sleeping, and did not continue writing their thesis. Everyone came forward to help.

What a joke.

The Institute of Physics had always been flourishing, yet the ratio of males to females was almost 10:1. Every female student that was admitted was like a treasure within their entire institute!

Now, such a beautiful girl had even come in!

The other new student watched from the side. For the first time, he felt the differences in this world.

Was this the Institute of Physics?

He felt like he had fallen in love.

Ning Li filled in the form before receiving her school card and other items.

“Junior sister, your dormitory is building number two. Is your suitcase heavy? Shall we send you there?”

The group of guys looked over eagerly.

Just then, a hesitant voice came from the side.

“Ning Li?”

It sounded a little familiar.

Ning Li turned her head to look.

Shu Hang could not hide his surprise.

“Is it really you?”

He had noticed her from afar earlier and thought that it was just a somewhat similar figure.

He had not really expected it to really be her.

Ning Li searched in her mind for a while. Only when she saw the sign hanging on his chest did she finally remember who this person was.

He was the volunteer docent at the National Planetarium.

She nodded slightly.

“Hello.”

The people around were all stunned.

“Shu Hang, do you know each other?”

Shu Hang coughed and smiled.

“We’ve met before.”

In actual fact, they did not know each other, but they had indeed met before.

So, these words were not wrong.

Everyone could not hide their shock.

Shu Hang looked at Ning Li.

“Have you completed the reporting process? Shall I send you to your dormitory?”

Ning Li’s expression was indifferent.

“Thank you, but there’s no need.”

Shu Hang paused, as if he was not surprised that she would reject him. He then looked at the freshman beside him.

“Your dormitory building is adjacent to each other. Why don’t I send you both there together?”

That junior probably had not expected that he would actually receive such treatment. He was instantly overwhelmed by the favor.

“Thank you, Senior!”

Ning Li did not care about such things and turned to walk towards the dormitory building.

Shu Hang took the opportunity to try and help pull her luggage, but Ning Li moved her wrist to silently avoid it.

“Senior, you can lead the way in front.. My luggage isn’t heavy, I can do it myself.”

Chapter 517: First Meeting

Shu Hang smiled.

“Okay.”

After saying this, the small group then walked in the direction of the dormitory building.

It was not until their figures had gradually left that the rest of the people at the registration area finally reacted.

“This girl is really from our Institute of Physics!”

“D*mn it! Why am I not from the Department of Astronomy?”

“Ning Li... This name is so familiar... Wait! Isn’t that the M Province’s top scorer in science with a score of 746 this year?”

When these words were said, everyone was stunned.

Xijing University was the top university in the country. Being the top scorer in the college entrance examination was really nothing here.

However, Ning Li was the provincial top scorer and her score had really been heaven-defying.

The male student who had been busy writing his thesis suddenly remembered something.

“Oh right, I remember that the person who came first in the national competition seems to have this name too. Could it be... that it’s the same person?”

Everyone was speechless.

The girl was not only beautiful, but she was also a straight-A student.

No, she was a god of learning!

“By the way, how does Senior Shu Hang know her?”

“Who knows?”

“Ah, I didn’t ask if she had a boyfriend!”

“Tsk, as if asking meant that you would have a chance. This kind of beauty at school, a girl whose studies are at god-level– Don’t even think about it!”

“Shut up!”

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Shu Hang led Ning Li and the other student to the dormitory building.

Along the way, they met many people who greeted Shu Hang.

Some called him by his name, and some called him “President.”

It was not until that junior asked a few questions that Shu Hang explained with a smile. He was the President of the Student Union of Xijing University.

He had just advanced to the third year of university this year. To be able to achieve this position was considered outstanding.

“The second building on the left is the female dormitory, and the third building on the right is the male dormitory.”

As he spoke, he looked at Ning Li again.

“Do you really not need any help?”

Ning Li shook her head and walked towards the dormitory management.

The dormitory allocation form had already been pasted on the wall.

The dormitory at Xijing University consisted of four-person rooms. Ning Li found her assigned room—306.

This dormitory building had a total of six floors. Fortunately, there was an elevator, so it was much more convenient.

There were people coming and going in the building. Many parents and seniors were also walking back and forth.

Shu Hang took out his phone.

“Junior, junior, please add me on WeChat? If you have any problems in the future, you may look for me at any time.”

That junior was very happy. He immediately took his phone out and allowed Shu Hang to scan his WeChat.

Shu Hang looked at Ning Li.

Ning Li paused for a moment and handed her phone over.

Then, she pushed her luggage and walked in.

Shu Hang looked at her back, feeling as if he wanted to say something, but he hesitated. In the end, he just smiled helplessly.

This girl... was indeed cold and aloof.

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306.

Ning Li took the key and came to the bedroom.

Two of the four beds had already been occupied, but there was no one in the room. It seemed that they had already gone out.

She chose the bed next to the door.

The condition of the Xijing University dormitory was pretty good.

Apart from the beds and the tables, there was a separate balcony and bathroom

She had not brought many things. Shuiyuan Shijia was less than half an hour away from here so it would be very convenient to go back and forth. If she was missing anything, she could just go back to take it.

Moreover, she had other plans for later. She did not plan to stay here for a long time.

After tidying up briefly, she received a message from He Xiaochen. She said that she was ready and that she wanted to meet her at the Entrepreneurship Center.

The Entrepreneurship Center was located at the center of the campus. There were many shops run by students on campus. There were all kinds of entertainment, food, and shopping. It was considered a small mall on campus.

Ning Li replied with an "Okay." She put on a baseball cap and got up to go out.

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The campus was still lively and the weather was hot.

Fortunately, the landscaping at Xijing University had been done well. There were large areas of Chinese parasol trees planted on both sides of the road.

Next to the artificial lake, willow trees had also been planted.

The sun shone down, and the shadows of the trees swayed, reflecting spots of light on the ground.

Occasionally, a gentle breeze blew past and blew the weeping willows by the river. The branches that almost reached into the water swayed along with it, creating ripples on the surface of the lake.

Ning Li did not walk fast. As she walked, she looked at the surrounding scenery.

This was the first time in her life that she had come to Xijing University.

There were many unique courtyard buildings, noisy crowds, shady trees, clear lake water, and lotus flowers...

The unique heritage and temperament of Xijing University could be seen everywhere.

Her cell phone rang. Lu Huaiyu was calling.

“Second Brother?”

Lu Huaiyu had just finished a meeting that morning. Looking at the time, he had figured that she should be done with everything, so he had called her.

“Are you done? Did it go well?”

“It went quite well. I was just about to go to eat.”

Lu Huaiyu laughed.

This little girl seemed to be quite adaptable.

Didn't other families need their family members to accompany them? Why did she not need any of them?

“By yourself?”

“With He Xiaochen.”

Lu Huaiyu responded.

“Did you go for a walk around the school?”

Ning Li was passing by the artificial lake. When she heard this, she raised her eyes and looked to the side.

“I went around for a while, and now I happen to be at Bihe Lake that's beside the Institute.”

Not far away was the Institute of Physics. There was a white jade plaque painted in gold.

—The Institute of Physics.

Behind it was a few buildings that belonged to the Institute of Physics.

Ning Li gave them a cursory glance.

She had already seen them in the sketchbook before, so she could easily recognize which one was the teaching building and which one was the experiment building. She even saw the spire of the observatory.

She had not thought so before, but now that she saw it again, she felt that the hand-drawn pictures were really lifelike and somewhat cute.

Lu Huaiyu's voice carried a hint of a smile.

"I took a few classes there in the past. Does it look good?"

Ning Li blinked and the corners of her lips curled up.

"It looks good."

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A car slowly drove by and headed to the Institute.

"Vice-Principal Shen, this is the procedure list for this school's anniversary celebration. Please take a look."

Shen Zhijin accepted it casually. His gaze casually swept past the window and suddenly focused.

Beside the lake, a slender and tall girl wearing a baseball cap was leaning slightly to the side and making a phone call.

He did not know what she was talking about, but she was smiling.

The baseball cap cast a shadow on her face so her features could not be seen clearly. The faint dimples at the corner of her lips were exceptionally familiar.

Shen Zhijin stiffened.

Chapter 518: Yinyin, I'm Back

"Vice Principal Shen?"

The person next to him noticed that Shen Zhijin had not responded and called out.

Shen Zhijin's gaze was still fixated on that figure.

Subconsciously, he sat up straight and his throat tightened.

All of the surrounding scenery seemed to have faded at this moment, becoming black and white in his memory.

"Jin!"

A sweet voice echoed in his ears, making his heart beat faster.

He pressed the button to wind down the car window, while almost at the same time, his hand reached for the door handle.

Just then, someone shouted to the girl.

She turned her head and waved her hand. Then, she said something and hung up the phone.

Her hair was tied up in a ponytail, with a baseball cap pressed down low on her head. She turned around, which covered her exceptionally familiar profile, leaving only her back.

Another more petite girl walked over. The two of them seemed to be on good terms. After a few brief words, they left together in a particular direction.

From the corner of his eye, Shen Zhijin saw that the petite girl was holding a map in her hand. It was a map of Xijing University. Each new student had a copy of it.

Instantly, he felt as if a basin of cold water had been poured over his head. Shen Zhijin felt a chill go through his body from head to toe.

“Vice-Principal Shen?”

Noticing that Shen Zhijin was acting strangely, the person next to him raised his voice slightly and called him twice.

Shen Zhijin finally returned to reality.

He closed his eyes.

When he looked again, he saw that the figure had already disappeared into the noisy crowd and could no longer be seen.

A long-felt ache tore a small hole in his heart. The dull and turbulent pain overwhelmed him.

He forced himself to look away.

“I’m fine.”

He could hear his calm voice resound in the car.

The person next to him vaguely felt as if he was a little out of place. However, when they looked again, Shen Zhijin’s expression had already returned to normal, and was back to being calm and clear.

He lowered his eyes and looked at the school anniversary program in his hand.

The footer of the page had already been wrinkled by him, and his knuckles were red and white.

On his ring finger, his wedding ring glowed faintly.

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Ning Li and He Xiaochen went to the Entrepreneurship Center together.

There were a total of four floors, and all kinds of delicacies and shops were gathered there.

It was close to noon and there were students and parents around, which made the place very lively.

The two of them chose a rice noodle shop on the second floor.

People were constantly looking in their direction.

He Xiaochen took a bite of the rice noodles.

“Oooooooo! It’s so delicious!”

She had long heard that the food at Xijing University was especially delicious. Now that she was here, she knew that the rumors were true!

“As expected of the school that I worked so hard to get into! Just based on these rice noodles, it’s clear that going through all my previous exams for not for nothing!”

Ning Li could not help but laugh.

A few boys next to her were a little stunned when they saw this.

“Ning Li, what’s the number of your dormitory building? I’m in number eight. The people in the same dormitory are all from the same school. There’s one in English, one in French, and one in a small language.”

He Xiaochen was chattering on, wishing she could tell Ning Li everything,

“Ah, they’re all so beautiful!”

She sighed with a blissful expression, and then quickly said, “But none of them are as beautiful as you!”

The outer court was well-known for having many beauties.

He Xiaochen could not help but secretly rejoice that she and Ning Li had sat at the same table for more than half a year. Having spent so much time with each other, her standards had now reached an extremely high level.

Otherwise, she would have been dazzled by the beauties of the Foreign Studies Department by now.

She piously stretched out her hand.

“I swear that Ning Li is still the only fairy in my heart!”

Ning Li asked, "What about Tang Wei?"

He Xiaochen said, "She's a female swan!"

Ning Li, "..."

She thought for a moment and said, "I'm in building two. I haven't seen anyone else in my dorm room yet."

He Xiaochen nodded. She thought of something and sighed again.

"Sigh, the military training will start the day after tomorrow. It will run for two weeks! Also, I heard that this year's military training parade will be held together with the school's anniversary. The requirements will definitely be stricter! I'm dead meat!"

With her small body, wouldn't she be sacrificed?

"Hello, junior sisters. Can you add us on WeChat?"

The two boys next to her had finished their meal and discussed for a while before coming over.

Ning Li's expression was cold.

"It's not convenient."

He Xiaochen drank a mouthful of soda.

"Burp~ it's not convenient."

Perhaps because they had been rejected so bluntly, the two boys quickly left.

However, when they left, they still looked back with some reluctance.

He Xiaochen clicked her tongue.

“University is really... different.”

In high school, although many people had admired Ning Li, most of them had written love letters or confessed to her in person.

Eventually, Ning Li had rejected many of them, so not many of them were so brazen anymore.

However, these guys in university had asked to be added on WeChat right away. It was really...

“Sigh.”

He Xiaochen looked at Ning Li and let out a long sigh.

With such a face, she would definitely attract the attention of more people while at Xijing University in the future.

She understood Ning Li. If too much of this kind of thing happened, it would only make her impatient.

Besides, Ning Li was not even interested in someone like Pei Song, so why would she be interested in any of these guys?

Ning Li asked, “I saw a dessert shop outside just now. Would you like some?”

He Xiaochen’s attention was quickly diverted.

“Yes!”

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The weather was too hot, so the two girls decided to return to their respective dorms after lunch.

Ning Li came downstairs and saw a thin girl carrying a 26-inch suitcase up the stairs.

There was a three-step staircase at the entrance of the dorms.

Probably because the bag was too heavy, the girl felt a strain on her hand, and the wheel of the box got caught on the edge of the staircase. She lost her balance and fell backward.

“Ah!”

The girl cried out in surprise.

Ning Li went forward and caught hold of the suitcase.

Then, under the girl’s grateful gaze, Ning Li helped her carry it up.

“Thank you, thank you!”

The girl thanked her profusely, but also with admiration.

“Senior Sister, thank you so much!”

Ning Li paused.

“I’m a freshman.”

“Huh?”

The girl had taken back the handle of her luggage and only raised her head when she heard the sound.

The moment she saw Ning Li, she was stunned for a moment, then her eyes instantly widened.

“Ning Li, from Yunzhou Second High School?”

Ning Li was slightly stunned.

This girl was very delicate. She had a pointy chin, her eyes were round, and her shoulder-length hair was long. She was about 1.6 meters tall.

But she did not recognize her.

“And you are—”

The girl suddenly became nervous.

“Hello! You may not know me, but my name is Xue Langlang!”

Her eyes were shining as she looked at Ning Li.

“You are Ning Li, who achieved a perfect score in the national physics competition and was the top scorer in science in the M Province college entrance examination, right?”

Ning Li, "... Yes."

Xue Langlang was a little excited.

"Do you live in this building too?"

Ning Li nodded.

Xue Langlang said, "I live in 306. Where are you staying?"

Ning Li, "... In 306."

Xue Langlang slowly widened her eyes. After a long time, she could not help but mutter, "Mummy, I'll be living in the same dorm room as the goddess of learning!"

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That evening, Shen Zhijin drove back home.

This was a large flat in the east third ring of the Capital.

He was holding a handful of white camellias and a bag of peaches in his arms.

After entering the password, he pushed the door open and entered. His usually crisp and clear voice became gentle.

"Yinyin, I'm back."

Chapter 519: I Seem to Miss You Too Much

His gentle and deep voice echoed in the empty room, which was especially quiet.

Shen Zhijin changed his shoes at the entrance and walked into the living room.

The flowers in the white porcelain vase there were already showing faint signs of wilting.

He changed the water and put the newly bought white camellias into it.

Looking at the bouquet of flowers, he said, "Today, I was quite busy at school and went to the shop late. The florist said that the red ones were sold out and only the white ones were left. Next time, I'll leave work early and buy you the red ones, okay?"

No one answered and it was quiet.

As he spoke, he took the peaches to the kitchen and carefully washed them before placing them on the dining table.

After tidying everything up, he took his computer out.

This time, he really did have a lot of things to do.

He had a few unread emails in his mailbox, a pile of data to process, and several documents to review and sign.

As he sat, his posture always remained straight.

It was just like him, he was always disciplined and reserved.

He stared at the screen for a long time, but he did not move.

It was rare for his efficiency to be so unbelievably low.

He sat quietly for a long time, but he did not make any progress on the work at hand.

He frowned slightly, and on his handsome and elegant face, there was a hint of confusion and helplessness.

After a long time, he closed the computer and lowered his eyelids.

The room was too cold and quiet. He could even hear his own breathing and heartbeat.

It was so clear that it seemed to prove that he was still alive.

He seemed to be at a loss and said in a low voice, "Yinyin, I seem to have missed you too much today."

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Ning Li's university life officially began.

There were the 4 people in Room 306, three departments, and one computer department.

They were all departments with very few female students. By chance, they had all been assigned together.

The three people in the key department were also not in the same major.

Ning Li was in the Astronomy Department, Xue Langlang was in the Physics Department, and there was a female student named Yao Mingjia who studied Atmospheric Science.

The female student from the Computer Science Department was called Ding Yu. She was the top scorer in science in the College Entrance Examination who was from S Province. She had short hair and a tall figure. She wore simple black clothes and did not talk much.

She spent most of her time in the dormitory typing up codes or sleeping.

Yao Mingjia was from Beijing. Her family background was fairly well-off. She was beautiful and fastidious.

Even from the first day, her table had been filled with all kinds of bottles and jars, and the wardrobe was stuffed with a few of the most popular luxury brand bags.

Xue Langlang was from Province C, but she came from an academic background.

It was said that her parents were university physics professors, so she had followed in their footsteps to take up physics as well.

Of course, she did like physics, and she also participated in the physics competition. Unfortunately, she had not gotten into the finals.

However, she had always paid attention to these things, so she had recognized Ning Li right away.

Coincidentally, she and Tan Ruiqun had been in the same high school.

After listening to Tan Ruiqun talk about the Winter Camp, her idol had changed from Tan Ruiqun to Ning Li.

Now that they were actually assigned to the same dormitory, Xue Langlang was the happiest in the entire dorm room.

As new students, many girls in their respective dorm rooms would go out together to get to know each other better.

However, Ning Li's dorm room was a little special.

Yao Mingjia did not like the food at the school, so she had followed her family out for a big meal.

Ding Yu was still wearing headphones and working on some code.

Xue Langlang was holding a physics book and reading it with great interest. From time to time, she would ask Ning Li a few questions.

As a result, dorm room 306 was exceptionally quiet.

Ning Li sat in her chair and sent a message to Wei Songzhe.

He had done well in the college entrance examination. With the help of the guaranteed quota that he had gotten from the Huaqing Cup, he had successfully entered the Xijing Grand Arts Academy.

The Xijing Grand Arts Academy was a part of Xijing University, but was on a separate campus.

[Sister Li, let's have a meal together if you have time!]

Ning Li simply rejected him.

"I don't have the time."

Wei Songzhe was puzzled.

[What? Sister Li, isn't it just the beginning of school? Do you already not have any free time? Didn't you say that it would be easier once you entered university?]

[Military training.]

[... Oh.]

Wei Songzhe tactfully left it at that.

He had completely forgotten about military training.

"Ning Li?"

Xue Langlang suddenly called out to her.

Ning Li turned her head to look.

Xue Langlang looked a little excited.

"I heard that Shen Zhijin returned to school for the school's anniversary celebration! Someone even saw him at the Institute of Physics today!"

No one could fault her for being so excited.

The name Shen Zhijin was almost universally acknowledged as a god in the domestic physics world.

Xue Langlang liked physics, so she naturally worshipped someone so important.

Ning Li nodded.

"I heard."

Shen Zhijin had returned a while ago, and it was Xu Yin who had personally gone to pick him up.

In fact, Shen Zhijin's comments on her thesis were still lying in her mailbox.

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Xue Langlang propped up her chin on her hand.

"There's a rumor that Shen Zhijin will give a speech at the school's anniversary celebration. I really want to see him in person!"

Ning Li opened a book.

"You'll be able to see him after the military training ends."

Xue Langlang fell onto her bed in despair.

"Why is there such a thing as military training?!"

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The military training at Xijing University would last for two weeks and would be carried out on campus. Military officers from the army had specially been invited to come and lead the activities.

Early in the morning, the freshmen gathered on the field.

Everyone had changed into their military training uniforms.

The academy had recruited a total of more than 100 people this year, and there were fewer than 30 girls in total.

The astronomy department especially, only had a total of three girls.

"These clothes are really uncomfortable to wear, and it's too hot."

Yao Mingjia frowned. As she walked, she applied a layer of sunscreen on her face again.

Ning Li and Xue Langlang were two steps behind and arrived at the entrance of the field.

They glanced around and Xue Langlang pointed in a certain direction.

"The house flag is over there!"

Ning Li walked over in that direction.

Suddenly, there was a commotion in the stands.

"She's coming! It's that one!"

"Where?"

"D*mn, is the real person really that beautiful?"

Ning Li stopped in her tracks and looked up.

Chapter 520: Is He Your Boyfriend?

Many people came to the stands. Judging from their clothes, they were not freshmen.

Most of the boys were sitting together as they looked over.

When they noticed Ning Li raising her head, the originally restless crowd suddenly quieted down for a moment.

Then, there was a tacit sigh.

“Wow...”

A beautiful girl would naturally attract the attention and admiration of the opposite sex easily.

However, if she was too beautiful, this attention and admiration would also have an added sense of caution and shyness.

Ning Li calmly withdrew her gaze and continued walking forward.

The boys in the stands seemed to come back to their senses. Perhaps it was because Ning Li had walked closer, but their voices were now much lower and more restrained than before.

“... She’s really beautiful... The newly-promoted campus Belle didn’t run away, did she?”

“What a stroke of luck for those guys at the Institute of Physics!”

“This junior is called Ning Li, right? It seems that she’s the top scorer in science in M Province. This is too awesome...”

“She looks a little cold and aloof. Does anyone want to ask if this junior has a boyfriend?”

“To be honest, I’ve never wanted to participate in military training so much before. Sigh! I was born at the wrong time!”

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All kinds of discussions could be heard.

Many of the freshmen in the field had obviously noticed Ning Li’s arrival and everyone had looked over.

Yao Mingjia frowned slightly and turned back to take a look. She saw that Ning Li’s expression was calm and indifferent, as if she did not care about the commotion at all.

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She felt more and more uncomfortable.

In high school, she had been considered as the school belle and had long been used to being surrounded by admirers.

She thought that when she came to the institute, it would be the same as before, or even more so.

After all, everyone knew that there was an imbalance in the number of genders at the institute. It was already good enough to have a girl, let alone a good-looking one.

However, she had not expected that on the first day of school, she would find out that an exceptionally beautiful freshman had come to the institute and her name was Ning Li.

These past two days, wherever she walked, she would hear someone mention this name.

Someone had secretly taken a photo of Ning Li on the day she had reported in and posted it in the school forum. The post had even topped all other posts.

Within a short period of time, there were already over five thousand comments.

All of them were talking about her.

Someone even initiated a competition to vote for the school belle. Ning Li had obtained a crushing victory with an astonishing number of votes.

Now, the title of Xijing University's school belle had firmly landed on her head.

Therefore, although Ning Li had been keeping a low profile since the start of school, she had already become popular in the school.

The reactions of these boys could not be any more direct.

The sound of a gathering of the students came from not far away. Yao Mingjia gathered her thoughts and walked over.

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The students of the entire academy had gathered. At a glance, almost all of them were tall and straight boys.

Only the small group in front of them were girls.

Ning Li walked over, and the originally noisy crowd became much quieter.

Almost all of their gazes fell on her.

The boys from the other faculties were also looking over.

Just then, exclamations of joy could be heard from the girls in the stands not far away.

Ning Li looked over in that direction.

Law Faculty.

A familiar slim and straight figure was walking behind a group of boys, looking particularly conspicuous.

Pei Song.

It was obvious that those girls' attention were focused on him.

Compared to the other freshmen who were restless and new, Pei Song's expression was still cold, as if everything around him had nothing to do with him.

Suddenly, as if he sensed something, he stopped in his tracks and looked in Ning Li's direction.

This was the first time the two of them had seen each other since the dinner to celebrate the end of the college entrance examination.

Pei Song gave her a slight nod.

Ning Li nodded as well.

Pei Song quickly withdrew his gaze and walked forward.

It seemed to be like a normal greeting.

However, both of them were the focus of attention. This small interaction had immediately attracted the attention of countless people.

Yao Mingjia's gaze lingered on Pei Song's back for a few seconds before she turned back to look at Ning Li.

"That seems to be the new student at the Law School this year, Pei Song. Ning Li, do you... know each other?"

There was still something she had not said.

Pei Song had been voted as the new school heartthrob this year.

Otherwise, there would not have been so many girls crowding around here to watch.

Ning Li said, "High school classmate."

When she said this, everyone was stunned.

Xue Langlang let out a soft "Ah".

"One of the top scorers in M Province's College Entrance Examination for science subjects and the second-place winner in the National Physics Competition... Is it that Pei Song?"

Ning Li was already used to her odd way of remembering people, so she nodded.

Xue Langlang nodded in realization.

“Oh right, he’s also from Yunzhou Second High School, just like you!”

With that said, everyone understood.

“I remember now, it was the two of them. They won first and second place respectively, in the last national competition... Then, in the end, they both gave up the right to sign a contract. I didn’t expect Pei Song to choose to go to the Law Faculty?”

“He’s so handsome!”

“The two study gods are actually classmates, and both of them are so good-looking. Are you kidding me?”

Yao Mingjia rolled her eyes and asked with a smile, “Ning Li... Could it be that Pei Song is your boyfriend?”

As soon as she said this, everyone fell silent. They all looked over, their faces full of curiosity and eagerness to gossip.

Pei Song looked very cold and aloof, but he had taken the initiative to greet Ning Li. Whichever way they looked at it, it seemed a little...

Ning Li frowned slightly, and her voice was slightly cold.

“No.”

Hearing this answer, almost everyone secretly breathed a sigh of relief.

Just then, a group of instructors in military uniforms that were neatly lined up, walked in from the entrance of the field.

These were all elites who had been transferred from the army. Even at a distance, everyone could still feel the cold and sharp aura they exuded.

All the students' gazes could not help but be drawn over.

Each faculty had two instructors that had been assigned to lead the team.

On the side of the Institute of Physics, there were two extremely young military officers who seemed to be recent graduates of the military school.

One was slender, while the other was strong.

The slimmer one had a babyface while the strong one had a more angular face, but they both seemed to have a good temper.

That was... until they gave the first order: the standing practice posture.

The whole institute was to stand for an hour.